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**Jimmy Dunne
goes home**

Brisbane City star Jimmy Dunne relaxes in Melbourne's Western General hospital with his copy of "Soccer Action" before going home to Brisbane. Dunne had pins inserted in the leg he broke against J.U.S.T. two weeks ago.

CRAIG MACKENZIE writes about Dunne's ordeal on page 8.

ABC CHOOSES FIRST WORLD CUP GAMES

Highlights of the following matches will be shown on ABC TV during the first week of the World Cup jfinals:

June 14: Argentina v. Belgium.

June 15: Italy v Poland, Brazil v USSR.

June 16: Peru v. Cameroon, Hungary v. El Salvador, Scotland v. New Zealand.

June 17: West Germany v. Algeria, England v France, Spain v Honduras.

June 18: Chile v Austria, Czechoslovakia v Kuwait, Yugoslavia v Northern Ireland.

June 19: Italy v Peru, Argentina v Hungary, Brazil v Scotland.

Most of these will be shown early evening (6-6.30) and again about 11 the same night.

What a way to run a Cup

Andrew Dettre

One has to be pleased that the Phillips Cup will be retained in 1982. Far, far too often we start a new series, then drop it.

But it's sad that the decision to hold the cup was left so late.

There aren't many countries in the world which would decide in April to start a Cup competition in June. I have no idea who's to blame, whether it was the PSL executive, the clubs or the ASF which was responsible for this extraordinary delay.

One suspects, somehow, that the PSL isn't running as smoothly as it should.

Its 1982 annual has just been published — after round 12.

In the same vein: More and more club officials and coaches are demanding to know what will happen to the PSL in 1983.

It's imperative that a decision about the format be made now, almost immediately — especially if it's a new format.

A traditional curse of Australian soccer is that during a season we never think ahead to next year.

Then comes the long off-season, when our part-time officials simply forget about the game for a few months — and we always wake up in January to make some hurried, unplanned decisions.

This is what happened to the Phillips Cup this year — and could happen to the PSL for 1983 unless those elected to govern do carry out their duties.

The 1982 Phillips Cup will start on Monday, June 14, with only the Phillips Youth teams taking part.

State youth teams have been omitted for the first time to cut costs.

The competition will be regionalised in the early rounds.

The draw is yet to be made, but dates are:

First round — Monday, June 14.

Second round — Wednesday July 14.

Semi-finals — Wednesday August 11.

Final — Sunday, September 12.

Previous Phillips Cup finals:

1977: Brisbane City 1 Marconi 1, BC won on penalties.

1978: Brisbane City 2 Adelaide City 1.
1979: Adelaide City 3 St. George 0.
1980: Marconi 3 Heidelberg 0.
1981: Brisbane Lions 3 West Adelaide 1.

The Sydney Phillips Youth League is only partly serving its purpose of producing youthful talent.

The rules permit the use of four non-youth players in any match and most clubs take advantage of this by fielding their over-age reserve players.

Last week, on Wednesday, Sydney City and St. George played a match postponed from an earlier round — and you could see Barnes, Muniz, Bruce, Koritar, Campbell and Duarte in the youth league.

Some two months ago St. George manager Frank Arak suggested a midweek, fairly informal reserve grade competition for the PSL clubs where they could provide a match to their overflow players from the first team.

He also recommended that the Youth League be the exclusive reserve of young players.

As usual, the suggestion was welcomed enthusiastically. As usual, nothing has happened since.

It can happen only in Sydney soccer.

Croatia has been fined \$2500 for the mini-riot of their fans after the recent Ampal Cup final — certainly not a very harsh decision in view of the club's past deeds.

There was never a hint of possible suspension or expulsion should the club's supporters do a repeat performance.

Then Croatia turns around and threatens the NSW Federation with withdrawal from the competition.

Which makes one wonder whether it was the club's fans or perhaps the NSW Executive members who caused all that damage to the St George Stadium.

MIGHTY MAKEDONIA AIMS FOR THE TOP



Man of the match Graham Fox (left) confronts the league's top scorer Mark Kousses in Makedonia's sensational 4-1 victory over Sydney Olympic last Sunday. Having knocked off the league leader convincingly, Makedonia seeks another win against Wollongong in a round that could leave seven teams vying for league leadership. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

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BARNES AND BLISSETT THE MEN TO WATCH

These are the Watford players coming to Melbourne.

STEVE SHERWOOD: A member of one of Britain's most famous sporting families; both his brother and sister-in-law are Olympic medalists. This 6'4" goalkeeper is enjoying the best form of a patchy career which has included stints at Chelsea, Brighton, Millwall and Brentford. A recently-signed contract will keep him at Vicarage Road until 1985. He is a solid keeper who is particularly safe in the air.

ERIC STEELE: First choice under Sherwood took over the number one jersey in December, 1980. Eddie previously with Newcastle United, Peterborough United and Brighton. He helped the

latter gain promotion into the First Division in 1979 and has over 250 league appearances to his credit. He is a consistent, dependable goalkeeper.

PAT RICE: Capped 49 times by Northern Ireland, Pat hasn't represented his country for two years, yet is a near certainty to be included in the province's 22 for Spain. A member of Arsenal's leaguecup "double" winning combination of 1970-71, his experience has been vital in Watford's promotion surge. A solid defender, he overlaps purposefully.

WILF ROSTON: One of the first to represent Watford. He has experienced First Division football with Arsenal and home town club Sunderland.

KEITH PRITCHETT: The only Scot in the squad, he made only a handful of appear-

ances for his previous clubs Wolverhampton Wanderers, Doncaster Rovers, Queen's Park Rangers and Brentford before joining Watford for a small fee. A rugged, uncompromising defender, he has proved to be one of Graham Taylor's most inspired signings.

STEVE TERRY: Teenager Steve took over from big money signing Steve Sims and played so well that the England "A" international was asked to retain his place upon obtaining full fitness. A competent, determined player, he obviously has a glittering future ahead of him.

STEVE SIMS: A \$400,000 signing from Leicester City, he gained 10 international caps at under 21 level. Unfortunately his career has been blighted by injury. He is a resolute, sound defender.

LES TAYLOR: Oxford United received a club record \$200,000 when he moved to Watford in November, 1980. A magnificent team man who buzzes around midfield, he is a firm favorite with manager Graham Taylor, although he seldom hits the headlines.

IAN BOLTON: Ian Bolton recovered after sustaining a serious injury last season. Ian is equity at holding midfield or defence. Formerly with Notts County and Lincoln City, he is another ultra-consistent performer.

LUTHER BLISSETT: Jamaican-born, he came to the fore during Watford's run through to the semi-finals of the 1978-79 League Cup, during which he scored a string of spectacular goals. Untried and immensely powerful, he has four England under 21 caps to his credit.

ROSS JENKINS: It appeared that an ankle injury would terminate Ross's career last year, but he is now back to peak fitness and form. An \$80,000 acquisition from Crystal Palace 10 years ago, he was the English League's leading goalscorer in 1978-79. This 6'2" striker is particularly dangerous in the air, but must be watched on the ground too.

JAN LOHMAN: The Dutchman must rate as the bargain buy of the recently completed English season; costing just \$50,000 when he moved from Belgian First Division club Lokeren in January. Jan's goal eliminated Manchester United from the FA Cup in only its fourth full game in British football. He prefers to utilise his extensive skills on the wing, although Graham Taylor often prefers him as a

midfielder. In Holland he served NEC Nijmegen.

JON BARNES: The revelation of the Second Division during 1980-81 was plucked from amateur soccer and quickly made his mark with some exhilarating displays. He came to England in 1976 when his father was appointed Military Attaché to the Jamaican High Commission in London. A brilliant ball artist, with speed and vision, this 18-year-old must be reckoned as the most exciting young left winger in British soccer.

KENNY JACKETT: Went into the record books when he became the youngest ever-present in league history during the 1980-81 campaign.

Although the only local born player in the squad, he is a Welsh under-21 international; qualifying for the Principality through his Swansea-born

father, who played for the "Hornets" in the 1930s. Equally at home in the back four or midfield, he is both constructive and robust. At 20 years of age, he is an extremely bright prospect.

MARTIN PATCHING: First team opportunities have been limited by Martin suffering a knee ligament injury two years ago. A \$200,000 purchase from Wolverhampton Wanderers, this strong, enthusiastic midfielder is a former England Youth international.

NIGEL CALLAGHAN: Another one of Graham Taylor's carefully groomed youngsters, Singapore-born Nigel is effective in either midfield or on the wing. He is an intelligent distributor of the ball.

MALCOLM POSKETT: Cast off by home town club Middlesbrough after a single game in 1974, Malcolm has proved himself an excellent hedge against inflation to the clubs he has subsequently served. After moving from amateurs Whitley Town to Hartlepool United for a token \$50 fee, he was transferred to Brighton (\$120,000) and then Watford (\$230,000). A goal scoring specialist, he was linked with Wollongong a couple of months ago, but the move did not eventuate.

GIAHMA TAYLOR (MANAGER): As a player, his only notable success was to be appointed captain of Grimsby Town, on whose books he was for six years before moving to Lincoln City.

After four seasons with Lincoln he hung up his boots and took up management with the "Red Imps". City won the 1975-76 Fourth Division title, breaking a string of records in the process and Taylor was proclaimed as one of the game's most promising young managers. Soon after he was lured south by Watford and took it from the Fourth Division to second in successive seasons, a feat to be followed by the deeds of 1981-82, which are already history. Even in the precarious world of English football management, the future of 38 year old Taylor appears to be secure.

Elton John, Graham Taylor put Watford on top

By PAUL MOON

These are indeed red letter days for Watford, which meets Victoria at Olympic Park at 8.30 pm on Thursday May 20. Never before in Watford's 91-year history has the spotlight been beamed so brightly upon the club as it is now.

For most of its existence Watford has had to be content striving, not always successfully, for financial solvency off the pitch and respectability on it.

Formed in 1891 following the merger of two obscure local amateur teams, it turned professional six years later and joined the newly-formed Southern League.

At that time the English Football League was a virtual closed shop. All but two of its membership came from the North and Midlands. Professional clubs in the heavily-populated south were left to form their own competition.

Those early days proved a grim struggle for survival. Only the generosity of a philanthropic president and the general public, who were called upon to contribute to public subscriptions three times enabled the club to endure.

In 1918 all this appeared to be in vain though, as their home ground was secured for military purposes but at the eleventh hour a new base was secured and Watford moved to the present headquarters, Vicarage Road.

With such a frail economic foundation, it was little wonder that the team labored. Watford moved ingloriously between the middle and bottom of the Southern League.

The FA Cup offered little consolation. In 1912 the mighty Wolverhampton Wanderers were beaten to a respectable scoreless draw, only for the replay to be lost by a horrendous ten-goal margin!

Eight years later, after over two decades of agitation, the

English League decided to form a Third Division by taking the entire Southern League membership under its wing.

Watford thus found itself with little prior notice, in what came to be known as the Third Division (South) and part of one of the game's most famed institutions.

Unfortunately the change of status did not bring about a change of fortune. For almost 40 years the Hertfordshire club floundered, invariably to be found in mid-table.

Watford never looked capable of gaining promotion, but only rarely was it potential wooden spooner.

Its fans had to find solace in the occasional noteworthy event.

Frank Hoddinott became the club's first international when honored twice by Wales in 1921.

1924 saw an exciting FA Cup run, during which first division Middlesbrough was vanquished, before eventual winner Newcastle United scraped a one-goal victory to reach the final.

Watford progressed one step further in the 1932 competition, reaching the quarter finals. At this stage Newcastle won 5-0 and, ironically, went on to win the trophy again.

The smallest player in English League history, Fred Le May, who stood at exactly five feet, was based at Vicarage Road in the early 1930s.

He was transferred to Orient in 1933 and played for the opposition when Watford's Bill Lane scored a hat trick within three minutes that year.

Once however did Watford threaten to claim any significant honor.

In order to extend their season, the Third Division (South)

clubs decided to institute a knockout competition among themselves. The 1937 version of the trophy was shared with Millwall.

Generally though, Watford rarely rose above mediocrity.

In 1958 the decision was made to deregionalise the Third Division. Consequently Watford, which finished below half way in that year's ladder, was required to participate in the newly constituted First Division United.

It took just two seasons to escape. Watford's promotion was due largely to the goal-scoring feats of Cliff Holton who notched 42 that term, the best tally in the entire League.

Holton holds the unique distinction of scoring hat tricks in successive days during the Easter programme.

Unfortunate the slide could not be arrested and three years later the club was back in Division Four.

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just one step away from Wembley. It was a stride well beyond their capabilities though as Chelsea won a lopsided match 5-1.

At least captain Keith Eddy gained the consolation of being included in the FA party which toured Australia.

Watford's inability to retain its best players led to an amateur decline. Eddy was one of four who managed Keith Murphy took with him to Shrewsbury United.

The 24 goals Watford scored in 1971-72 is the lowest ever accumulated by a club in one season. Little wonder then that it finished 14 points adrift of the penultimate team.

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For the first two seasons the "Hornets" were content to quietly consolidate, treading water until their playing resources were adequate for a sustained promotion challenge.

Cup results illustrated the potential. Wolverhampton Wanderers, Southampton and Nottingham Forest were eliminated by a team that was

capable of producing superb football in big match situations, but lacked the consistency for a prolonged assault on a top three placing.

This year Watford displayed that consistency and surely the day when it is among the most respected clubs in Europe can not be too far away.

Taylor has astutely blended big-money signings, all of whom boast First Division experience, with promising young talent developed by the club.

He has instilled into his

combination a shrewd, aggressive style which makes Watford one of England's most entertaining sides. It appears only matter of time before it will also be one of the most successful.

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Victoria 1 (McMechan) Moscow Torpedo 2 (Sergeev 2, Bradnev, Fedorov).

Victoria 2 (Gajda, Micic) AS Roma 4.

Victoria 0 AS Roma 1.

1967:

Victoria 0 Manchester 0

Victoria 1 (Kinnear) Manchester United 3 (Kidd, Law, Charlton).

1968:

Victoria 0 Cardiff 0

Victoria 0 Cardiff 6

NSW 1 (Aleton 3, Baetz) Victoria 1 (McCallum)

South Australia 0 Victoria 3 (Milivojevic, Vojtek) (McCallum).

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Victoria 1 (Mecic) Werder Bremen

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loko, Bilek, Janković, Drulak 1).

Queensland 3 (McMillan 2, Kit-

ching, Maroty, Maticas) Victoria 2 (Doherty 2).

1963:

Victoria 3 (Stanovic 2, Jurek) FC Brest 2 (Blumer, Frigerio).

1964:

Victoria 1 (Mladenovic) Everton 3 (Vernon 2, Temple).

Victoria 2 (Mladenovic, Malloy) Preston Muisner 1 (Pollock).

Victoria 7 (Mladenovic 4, Kovacic, Jankovic, Janczyk) Tasmania

4 (Vernon 2, Temple).

South Australia 4 (Herczeg, Maroty, Maticas) Victoria 2 (Doherty 2).

1965:

Victoria 3 (Stanovic 2, Jurek) FC Brest 2 (Blumer, Frigerio).

1966:

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2 (Goetz 2).

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loko, Bilek, Janković, Drulak 1).

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Victoria 1 (DeLyster) Victoria 2 (Ollerton, Ristovski).

Victoria 3 (Kokkinos 2, Rogers, Yevko 5 H, Yesheida 2, Ogl, Oshino, Tanimura).

Victoria 0 Moscow Dynamo 0 (Vesely 2, Kovalev, Kolesnik).

Victoria 0 South Australia 3 (Kele 2, Noyce 2, Noyce 2).

South Australia 1 (Kolecki) Victoria 1 (Lopatci).

Victoria 1 (Wallace) English FA 3 (Keen 2, Garland).

Victoria 2 (Vojslav, Zorej) Welsh FA (Davidson).

Victoria 2 (Gajda, Micic) AS Roma 4.

Victoria 0 AS Roma 1.

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SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Redfern penalty) at Connor Reserve. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Fox (Mak), 5. Jennings (SO), 4. Little (Mak), 3. Lucchesi (Mak), 2. Brown (Mak), 1. Bechtel (Mak).

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Low, Williamson) WOLONGONG 0 at Richlands. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Ferris (BL), 5. Bennett (BL), 4. Lowndes (BL), 3. Bertogna (Woll), 2. Preston (Woll), 1. Atmore (BL).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENIUS 0 SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Votes by Memo Toutsidis:

6. Russell (AC), 5. Banfield (AC), 4. B. Nyskohus (AC), 3. O'Connor (SC), 2. Robertson (SC), 1. Spanos (SC).

CANBERRA CITY 2 (Purdie, T. Byrne) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Lujic, Ristovski) at Bruce Stadium, votes by Peter Windsor:

6. G. Byrne (Can), 5. Ambrosino (Can), 4. Illoksi (JUST), 3. Ristovski (JUST), 2. Milovanovic (Can), 1. Milne (JUST).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 3 (Cole, Rooney, Paton) APIA-LEICHARDT 2 (Giampaolo pen, Bradley) at Olympic Village. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. Campbell (H'berg), 5. Bradley (APIA), 4. Yzendoorn (H'berg), 3. Butler (APIA), 2. Rooney (H'berg), 1. Macleod (H'berg).

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Slater, Marton) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at St. George Stadium. Votes by Peter Scott:

6. Barton (St.G), 5. Rat-

cliffe (St.G), 4. Skeen (St.G), 3. Marton (St.G), 2. Honeyman (WA), 1. Slater (WA).

NEWCASTLE KU UNITED 0 BRISBANE CITY 0 at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Pezzano (BC), 5. Dando (Newc), 4. Hermitson (BC), 3. Perry (BC), 2. Sneddon (BC), 1. McClelland (Newc).

MARCONI-DATSON 2 (Bozanic pan, Jankovics)

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Evans) at Marconi Stadium. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Jankovics (M), 5. Bozanic (M), 4. G. Campbell (SM), 3. Hunter (M), 2. Henderson (M), 1. Vieri (M).

Leaders:

52. Katholos (SO), 40. Stone (St.G.), 40. McGachey (WA), Bradley (APIA).

36. Redfern (SO), Northcote (AC).

32. Illoksi (JUST), Marton (St.G.).

31. Dunn (WA).

29. Bennett (BL), Soper (APIA).

28. T. Byrne (Can).

26. Honeyman (WA), Yzendoorn, J. Campbell (H'berg).

24. Raskopoulos (SO), Russell (AC), Kosmina (SC).

23. O'Reilly (JUST), G. Campbell (SM), Boyle (Mak).

22. Brown (Mak).

21. Henderson (Marc), Barton (St.G.).

20. Banfield (AC), Bertogna, Adam (WV).

19. Egan (SM), Lowe, H. Tredinnick (Newc), Hunter (Marc), Millman (BL), Conner (BC), Vardaroff (Woll), Ambrosino (Can), Watson (SC).

18. Jennings (SO), Patrović (Mak), Lowndes (BL).

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Results at the weekend may leave league leadership within the grasp of seven teams.

St. George has the best immediate chance of grabbing the lead, should Sydney Olympic lose to improving Canberra City at Pratten Park.

Ian Purdie's return has made a big difference to Canberra's attack, and although the team had a few defensive lapses against Footscray J.U.S.T. last week, it will be much tighter away from home against the league leaders.

This will be the real test of Olympic's character. Not only does it have to overcome the threat of Purdie, Tony Brennan, Ian Gibson, George Christopoulos and Gary Byrne, but it also has to pluck itself off the floor after last week's 1-4 loss to Makedonia.

It should be an intriguing battle, with Peter Katholos and Peter Raskopoulos confronting Gary Byrne and Christopoulos.

We'll also see two of the most exciting sweepers in the game — Jim Yankos of Olympic and Terry Byrne of Canberra.

St. George has to beat APIA at Lambert Park to perhaps overtake Olympic at the top.

Lajos Koritar from MTK in Hungary has been playing in Saints' youth team to get himself into the right form, but it remains to be seen whether coach Frank Arrok can put him in yet.

Consider these possibilities: Canberra beats Olympic, Saints beat APIA, Makedonia beats West Adelaide, Hellas beats Brisbane City, and Makedonia beats Wollongong.

The top of the ladder then would look like this: St George 19 points, Sydney Olympic 18, Marconi 18, Heidelberg 18, APIA 17, Makedonia 17.

Two points separating six teams!

But that's all kite-flying by someone who loves to see a close competition.

The reality is that Marconi will find it very hard to beat Sydney City whose scoreless draw in Adelaide with Adelaide City was an excellent result considering the recent improvement of John Perini's men.

Heidelberg will have Charlie Yankos and Theo Selemidis back but every team finds it difficult to win in Brisbane, and Makedonia will face a Wellington team desperate for points because it has scored only one point of the relegation zone.

South Melbourne Hellas is two points clear of relegation danger, and faces a very hard match against the attacking Brisbane Lions at Middle Park.

However, Hellas played its best match in many weeks against Marconi and lost 1-2 only because of a dubious penalty decision.

Right back Gerry Bennett from State League club Ajax fitted well into a defence that played extremely well, and striker Alun Evans also showed improvement.

Coach John Margaritis is confident the team will improve rapidly from now on but stresses that improvement is possible only with support from the committee and especially the spectators who must give the players confidence during the game instead of abusing them.

Back to John Perini.

He has inspired his new charges to great heights since taking over as coach, so Adelaide City must start as favorite against West Adelaide in the big local derby at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

West Adelaide has been weakened considerably by the loss of Kiwis Alan Booth and Steve Sumner, and without their promoting from midfield, West will find it hard to get past mighty defenders Bugsy Nyskohus, Bobby Russell, Neil Banfield and Neville Flounders.

This match will be replayed Channel 02's "Match of the Day" programme on Sunday night.

Footscray J.U.S.T. was this week looking for a coach to replace Peter Jakska whose financial demands put him out of the club's reach.

Jakska coached J.U.S.T. at a reported fee of \$650 a week during long-service leave from his job in Adelaide.

Jim Milne has been acting as caretaker coach, but J.U.S.T. also has approached Ajax coach Bobby McElhanan who declined.

Despite the problem, J.U.S.T. lined a respectable 2-2 draw with Footscray J.U.S.T. getting good performances from Milne, Jim O'Reilly, Zoran Illoksi, Milutin Cirkic, and others.

With Mendo Ristovski and Zdravko Lujic in attack, backed up by Illoksi, Vlado Pijevajevic and perhaps Slobodan Jovanovic if he returns this week, J.U.S.T. looks too strong for Newcastle at Schintler Reserve.

Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals:

IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v. Marconi-Datsun at Sydney Athletic Field, 3 pm.

APIA LEICHARDT v. ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST at Lambert Park, 3 pm.

Sydney Olympic v. CANBERRA CITY at Pratten Park, 3 pm.

IN MELBOURNE

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v. Brisbane Lions at Middle Park, 3 pm.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. Newcastle at Schintler Reserve, 3 pm.

IN WOLLONGONG

WOLLONGONG v. PRESTON MAKEDONIA at Wollongong Showgrounds, 3 pm.

INADELAIDE

West Adelaide Hellas v. ADELAIDE CITY JUVENIUS at Hindmarsh, 2.30 pm.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane City v. HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER at Spencer Park, 3 pm.

Youth title draw

Draw for under 19 National Youth Championship in Canberra 12-16 May:

Wednesday 12 May at O'Connor Oval, 9.30 am Victoria v South Aust.; 11.00 am Tasmania v N.S.W. v Queensland, 2.00 pm Tasmania v A.C.T., 3.30 pm Tasmania v N.S.W.

Thursday 13 May at O'Connor Oval, 9.30 am Victoria v West Aust.; 11.00 am Tasmania v Queensland, 2.00 pm Tasmania v N.S.W. v N.S.W.

Friday 14 May at O'Connor Oval, 9.30 am South Aust. v

West Aust., 11.00 am N.S.W. v Queensland, 2.00 pm Victoria v A.C.T., 3.30 pm Tasmania v N.S.W.

Saturday 15 May at Bruce, 10 am 3rd Group A v 4th Group B, 10 am 3rd Group B v 4th Group A; 2.00 pm winner Group A v 2nd Group B; 4.00 pm winner Group B v 2nd Group A.

Sunday 16 May, at Bruce, 10 am 7th and 8th placing; 10.00 am 5th and 6th placing; 11.30 am 3rd and 4th placing; 1.30 pm final.

New Zealand kicked off its World Cup build-up with a 1-0 win over the League of Ireland at Mount Smart Stadium in Auckland.

Striker Grant Turner hammed in the only goal from a sharp angle 15 minutes into the

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PRESENTS

PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

Last week's standings in brackets.

	HOME	AWAY	W	D	F	A	Gls	Pts
1. (1) SYDNEY OLYMPIC	4	0	2	15:5	4	2	1	30:17 18
2. (2) APIA LEICHARDT	4	1	1	12:8	3	2	2	14:10 28:18 17
3. (4) ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST	6	0	1	12:4	1	3	2	20:16 17
4. (3) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	4	1	1	11:4	3	1	3	8:7 19:11 16
5. (6) Marconi-Datson	5	1	1	16:7	2	1	3	5:7 21:14 16
6. (7) Heidelberg Alexander	5	1	1	12:7	2	1	3	5:8 17:15 16
7. (8) Preston Makedonia	4	3	0	16:6	1	2	3	6:12 22:18 15
8. (9) Brisbane Lions	3	2	2	15:9	1	4	1	7:7 22:18 14
9. (5) West Adelaide Hellas	3	2	1	13:9	1	4	2	7:9 20:18 14
10.(10) Canberra City	2	3	2	12:11	3	2	2	9:12 21:23 12
11.(12) Adelaide City Juventus	2	3	2	10:7	1	1	4	7:9 17:16 10
12.(11) South Melbourne Hellas	3	2	2	10:7	1	2	4	10:13 20:20 10
13.(13) Footscray J.U.S.T.	1	4	1	8:7	1	2	4	6:15 14:22 10
14.(14) Wollongong	2	1	3	8:13	2	0	5	4:5 12:28 9
15.(15) Brisbane City	2	3	1	10:9	0	1	6	1:21 11:30 8
16.(16) Newcastle KU United	1	3	3	7:10	0	1	5	5:16 12:26 6

PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Total appearances in brackets

PEZZANO (1)
(Briab. C)

RUSSELL (2)
(Adel. C) **RATCLIFFE (1)**
(St.George) **FOX (1)**
(Makedonia) **BOZANIC (1)**
(Marconi)

BARTON (2)
(St.Geo) **G. BYRNE (1)**
(Canberra) **J. CAMPBELL (3)**
(Heidelberg)

LUCCHESI (1)
(Makedonia) **JANKOVICS (1)**
(Marconi) **JENNINGS (3)**
(Syd. Olympic)

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ST. GEORGE SUPERB!

By PETER SCOTT

**St. George 2
West Adel 0**Venue: St. George Stadium.
Scorers: Slater 40, Marton 53.

Cartoonist: Totokian (WA)

Crowd: 3654

Referee: Tim Davies 8.

ST. GEORGE BSC: Fraser 8

— McGregor 6, R. O'Shea 7,

Barton 9, Ratcliffe 9, M.

O'Shea 7, Slater 8, Stone 7,

Wilkinson 7, J. O'Shea 7,

Marton 8.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7

— McGregor 6, Dunn 6,

McGachey 7, Totokian 6,

Doorn 6, Stefanopoulos 62nd

min., Manocas 6, Honeyman

8, Hays 65, Brennan 6, McKie

6.

In brilliant sunshine as Jet-Hawks kept in and out of Mascot Airport in a continuous stream, many West Adelaide players and officials must have wished they were back on board one of the planes, long before the final whistle.

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Slater was fast, incisive and aggressive throughout the match.

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The well deserved reward for Saint's efforts finally materialised three minutes into the second session.

A delicate chip floated in from the right wing by Sween was only partially cleared and the effervescent Slater was quickly on the spot to slam it into the net.

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As so often in this match, Barton and Slater were found grafting, this time on the left flank, with the young winger sending a beautiful clipped ball over into the penalty area.

Wilkinson immediately headed the ball down into the path of Marton, who was arriving on the scene with the speed and determination of a locomotive — only to see him

blast the ball over the cross-bar.

The last glimmer of hope for the hapless visitors appeared on the horizon 20 minutes from the end, when McGachey beat the Saints' offside trap for the second time in the game.

This time he did it on his own, racing past the advancing defence only to be foiled by the boot of Fraser who ran about 20 metres out of goal to clear.

The final score of 2-0 was set in the 83rd minute when Barton found Slater with a pass.

The ginger-haired youngster smartly drew the defence, before setting up Marton in the penalty area, all on his own, with only the goalie to beat.

Beat him he did, thus chasing away the final remnants of hope. Wests may have had for a draw.

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John Little (right), one of Makedonia's stars against Olympic, tries in vain to prevent a cross by Gary Phillips. Pictures by LES SHORROCK

Terry Byrne blunders and JUST pounces

**Canberra 2
Foots JUST 2**Scorers: Can: Purdie, T
Byrne; JUST: Lujic, Ristovski, CANBERRA: Hoszowski 8,
Ambrosini 8, Byrne 7, Milovanovic 8, Moutsopoulos 7,
Stone 7, Byrne 4, G. 9, Christopoulos 7, Vassilakis 7, Roman 7 (Reis 65th), Gibson 7.

FOOTSCRAY: Cric 8, Stevcavci 7, O'Reilly 8, Kondaros 7, Hazbent 7, Milne 8, Pijevolicic 7, Lujic 7, Kojic 7, Ristovski 8, Ilioski 8.

Ref: Bob Mee 7.

Cautions: G. Byrne (Canberra), Pijevolicic, Hazbent (Footscray). Crowd: 2500.

Never under-rate any team. Canberra almost learned that lesson the hard way in Canberra last Sunday when made to struggle all the way to earn a 2-2 draw against Footscray JUST.

Canberra had confidently expected to collect maximum points.

It did stretch its unbeaten run to six games — one of the best records in the PSL — but two disastrous defensive blunders allowed the visitors to lead 2-1 at half-time.

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to Olympic what it can expect from now on



Laurie Schwab

time it did not look like scoring until the 60th minute, when Fox was forced to clear off the play after Mark Koussas had beaten goalkeeper Steve Potter.

Six minutes later Jim Ziras won a penalty for Olympic. It was awarded against Little but Little did not appear to have fouled Ziras.

Jim Redfern scored from the penalty to make the score 4-1.

Olympic was awarded another penalty in the 70th minute over a foul by Ljube

Petrovski on Ken Wilson, but this time Redfern missed.

Olympic continued to attack and in the 75th minute Ian Rowden hit the post with a shot while lying on the ground.

Olerton brought himself on as a substitute for Lucchesi one minute later and the match ended with Gary Ward hitting the crossbar with a powerful drive.

Makedonia's midfield markers were Little on Phillips, McMillan on Katholos, Flavell on Raskopoulos, and Petrovski on Jennings.

Jennings is listed as a midfielder because he came from deep in his winger's role. Al-

though Petrovski gave him some spirited opposition, Jennings still was Olympic's best player.

Katholos and Raskopoulos had a lot of the ball in midfield but found few openings because of Makedonia's tight play.

Although it lost this match, Olympic still looked a highly accomplished side and its entertainment value is without question.

And let's be clear about Olerton's tactics. They would not have worked with a side that does not have the adventurous outlook of Olympic, for it was only because Olympic persisted with its attacking approach that it left itself open to Makedonia's counter-attacks.

Other teams will play against Olympic in the same way, so there's a need to vary Olympic's approach. When opponents defend in numbers and

refuse to leave gaps, isn't it preferable to stop attacking for a while, drop back, and wait for the opponents to come at you?

On the other hand, that sort of approach makes sense when you're one or perhaps two goals down, with time to retaliate. There's not much sense in it when you're trailing by four goals.

As for Makedonia, its more difficult matches will be against teams that don't have the confidence to attack the way Olympic does.

And having won an awesome reputation through this win, other teams will start treating Makedonia the way Makedonia treated Olympic.

Still, in games where more emphasis must be placed on controlled build-up, Makedonia is fortunate in that it can call back Peter Boyle and Alan Whittle.



It's Mark Koussas (left) against Richard Miranda in an aerial duel, with Gary Ward (right) getting set in case it comes to him. The Olympic player behind them is Andy Scott.

Tansey comes back, Paton ends goal drought

Heidelberg 3 APIA 2

Scorers: Cole 32nd, Rooney 49th, Paton 77th.
HU: Giampaolo 48th pen, Bradley 80th.
Ground: Olympic Village. **Crowd:** 3000 estimated.

Cautions: Soper, Oliver.

Referee: Bambridge 7.

LEICHARDT: Woodhouse 7; Gray 7, Pallen 8, Macaulay 8, Hughes 7, Bradley 8, Burrows 8 (Kappa 76th), Butler 8; Morello 7, Soper 7.

WOLLONGONG: Woodhouse 7; Gray 7, Pallen 8, Macaulay 8, Hughes 7, Bradley 8, Burrows 8 (Kappa 76th), Butler 8; Morello 7, Soper 7.

LITTLE: Low, Williamson 7, Ferris 8, Niven 7, Atmore 7, Bradbury 7, Hogg 7, Low 6 (Wright 79th), Williamson 7, Millman 7.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 8, Willis 7, Bertogno 8, Dunleavy 7, Ainsworth 7, Adam 7, Fleming 7, Cotton 7, Gaffney 7 (Kerr 63rd), O'Connor 7, Tredinnick 7.

Billy Williamson's seven week goal drought was finally broken last weekend and it almost appeared if Wollongong

Up till now it has been a matter of hoping the 12 players in his squad don't get injured or suspended and for Sunday's game he had to push Jim Tansey into an earlier comeback than he would have liked.

Tansey had been planning for a June return although he has already fully recovered from the knee injury which had sidelined him for the past nine months.

"My knee's 100 percent but I wasn't sure I'd have the lungs or the legs to go through 90 minutes," Tansey said. "I was probably unfeeling unfound at the end of a game in which he showed glimpses of the Tansey of old with the left wing overlaps and pinpoint crosses into the area."

And there was no mistaking the pleasure he derived from being back in the scene again.

"It's good to be back — just great to be playing again," he said. "It felt so strange and I know I can play a lot better but the main thing is my knee came through alright."

Another player just as satisfied was Jamie Paton who got back on the scoring list after a nine month drought which had been hanging round his neck like a noose.

And the striker chose a great way to hit the back of the net to end the barren run producing the goal of the match out of nothing.

He controlled a low pass then cut inside before unleashing a shot from outside the area which left Soccerco keeper Greg Woodhouse stranded on its way to the top corner of the net.

The goal was Heidelberg's third and how important it proved to be in the end as the home team's defence crumbled under the pressure in the closing stages.

The visitors trailed 1-3 with 13 minutes to go but stepped up the pace to push the Heidelberg back four into all sorts of bother.

Don MacLeod blocked a shot from Tony Morello but hit his back pass over Oliver onto the

crossbar before it was finally hacked away for a corner.

But the relief proved only temporary as from the resultant corner kick, John Bradley weaved his way into the area to make it 2-3.

From then on it was a matter of booting it anywhere until Chris Bambridge finally relieved them of their misery with the final whistle.

Heidelberg had opened the scoring through Gary Cole who got two bites at the cherry running on to the rebound after his first shot was charged down and his second shot might have taken a slight deflection to end up in the net.

Leichardt equalised three minutes into the second half with a penalty awarded for handball by John Yzendoorn which was converted by Sebastian Giampaolo.

Jimmy Rooney got Heidelberg's second in the 59th minute shooting home from close range but John Cole had headed the ball down for him following a Tansey freekick.



Peter Desira

Williamson scores — at last

Bris Lions 2 Wollongong 0

Venue: Richlands Stadium. **Crowd:** About 1200.

Referee: Alan Kibbler 9.

Scorers: Low, Williamson.

LIONS: Lowndes 8,

MC SKIMMINGS: Bennett 8,

FERRIS: 8, Niven 7, Atmore 7,

BURROWS: Hogg 7, Low 6 (Wright 79th), Williamson 7,

WILLIAMSON: Millman 7.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 8,

WILLIS: 7, Bertogno 8, Dunleavy 7,

AINSWORTH: 7, Adam 7, Fleming 7,

COTTON: 7, Gaffney 7 (Kerr 63rd), O'Connor 7, Tredinnick 7.

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Ricky Rosso

keeper Jim Preston helped him do it.

The Lions striker who scored nearly a goal a game in his appearances late last year got the long-awaited goal with one of his weakest shots of the match. Williamson was on the edge of the box and mistimed a

left foot shot to the bottom right hand corner.

Preston was obviously unprepared as he failed to move as the ball headed towards the goal and finally when he did see his desperate attempt was too late the ball hit the inside of the upright and rolled into the back of the net.

Williamson held his head in his hand in disbelief when he saw the ball go in as he had three earlier top class shots brilliantly saved by the Wollongong keeper.

Williamson fully deserved his goal against Wollongong as he had worked hard throughout the match. On several occasions he even showed speed to rival Lions lightning fast winger Craig Low.

The form of midfielder

Mark Attmore must also be pleasing for Gilroy as the former Kilkisham player has settled well and has repeatedly shown some simple but high percentage football.

Lions first goal, which was actually put into the goal by Craig Low, was entirely due to lead-up work from Attmore. The powerful midfielder played a quick one-two with Williamson and rode some wild Wollongong tackles before skewing his shot to Low.

Wollongong failed to get on the scoresheet but it was not for want of chances. Lions keeper Nigel Lowndes was again in top form, particularly his punching while under pressure, but that can be no real excuse for some of the Wollongong misses.

At least the ref was exciting!

Newcastle 0 Bris. City 0

Ground: International Sports Centre.

Crowd: 2993.

Cautions: Lidell (BC) 80th.

Referee: Jim Reeves (53rd).

Otto Scevaki:

Newcastle: Dando 8, Endecott 6, Smyth 7, Sneddon 7,

THOMPSON: 7, Sankalski 7,

JONES: 5, Mason 7, Gemmell 5, Lowe 6.

BRISBANE CITY: Pezzano 8, Vincenzino 5, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 6, Plimblett 6, McVeigh 7, Connor 6, Glackner 6, Carey 6.

co a free kick metres away from their own line.

Stevenson was not to be denied and unleashed yet another powerful drive in the 28th minute which Veneri failed to hold and Alan Evans picked up the rebound to score.

Marconi came back in the closing stages of this half and should have scored through Hilton Silva. It was an ideal opportunity for Marconi as a cross from the right found Silva but his shot went well past the far post.

In the dying seconds of the first half Jankovics and Steve Blair vied for the ball close to Hellas' line and the referee had no hesitation in awarding a penalty.

For my money it was a harsh decision, and one which gave Marconi its equaliser through Marconi from the penalty spot, but you could not help feeling sorry for the de-



Joe Lanzoni

concerned the second half started more purposefully for both sides and Newcastle almost broke the deadlock in the 58th minute when a short back pass by Vincenzino to his goalkeeper saw David Lowe pounding on the ball but his cut

back failed to find anybody to prod it home.

A few minutes later Brisbane City had its best chance of the game, when Carey found a gap in the centre of Newcastle's defence but his shot rebounded off the far upright before being cleared.

Pezzano was called on shortly afterwards to bring off a good save low down to his right from a good left foot shot by Craig Mason.

The final whistle brought a lot of relief to Brisbane City which finally earned its first point away from home.



Alex Vesic

jected figure of Sam Papasavas at half time: "We were robbed, first over all a disallowed goal, then a dive by Jankovics and they get an equaliser," said Papasavas at half time.

While I could sympathise with Sam on the subject of those two crucial decisions during the first half, there was very little those players or their president could say after their miserable second-half showing.

I wonder if they should be paid for that effort.

It appeared that a Marconi move including Henderson and Budini was cut off by Bennett as he tried to push it back to the keeper. Hunter was faster and got to the ball before Laumets to cut the ball across the goalmouth for Jankovics to tap it in.

Ten minutes later, Jankovics could have scored again for his out-of-form team mate Djordjevic. A cross by Hunter was coming straight at Jankovics but Djordjevic beat his team mate to the ball, sending it well past the post.

Budanic "scored" in the 82nd minute but through the side netting, then Hunter's shot in the last minute was well saved by Laumets. At the other end, Branko Buljevic came on for Rogers and in his inimitable fashion almost scored.

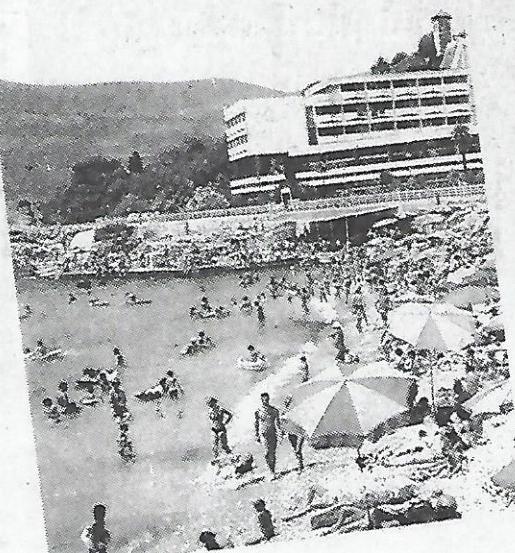
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Doveton winger Alan Quin.

Threat to Croatia

Winger Alan Quin looms as the main danger to Melbourne Croatia's hopes of recording a resounding victory over Doveton at Olympic Park's main ground on Sunday.

The elusive Quin played a major part in Doveton's fightback against Croatia in last year's State League Cup Final and he'll have to be watched closely.

Croatia president Joe Sigur was so impressed with Quin in the State League Cup that he wanted to sign the former Albion Rovers and Dandenong City star.

Another dazzling performance from Quin could make Sigur regret not following his plan through and signing Quin earlier this season.

If Quin plays on Doveton's left he'll run into one of Croatia's most consistent performers in recent signing Tony Curcio from Juventus.

Curcio has the pace and recovery to stick tight to Quin throughout the match so he may be the man picked by Croatia coach Bill McArthur to keep Quin quiet.

Doveton coach Ernie Merrick probably will give Paul Corke the job of marking Dave Brogan.

It's a mystery to me why Brogan wasn't selected in the State squad when injuries created vacancies.

Every time I've watched the former Croydon striker play this season he's been in superb touch. His close ball skills, clever off-the-ball running and lethal shooting power have made him my pick as the most impressive State League striker so far this season.

If Brogan turns it on against Doveton then experienced keeper Lou Ivanoff will be forced into a series of spectacular saves to keep Croatia at bay.

Little Ossie Latif won't be available for Sunday's game as he'll be in Canberra with the Victorian youth team contesting the national titles.

Lafit though has been going through a dismal period. Perhaps his confidence will return when he completes at youth level.

With Ajac slipping into second spot in the league ladder it's imperative for Croatia to win and win well against Doveton to maintain its two point lead at the top of the table.

On paper Doveton is underfunded. Certainly they haven't got the number of quality players that Croatia has however you can never underestimate Doveton's fighting qualities.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Hellas in turmoil, Canale denies Hermiston rumor

South Melbourne Hellas has become a political hotbed once more, a throwback to Hellas 1979 style, the year in which club finished at the bottom of the PSL.

The supporters aren't the only people unhappy. Many players are dispirited by the events of recent weeks, but recent upheavals are merely the climax of a series of events which threatened and finally toppled the high spirits of the club earlier this season when victory in the Ampol Cup seemed a portent of league success.

Grant Turner arrived with a big reputation from New Zealand. He left with his tail between his legs a couple of months later following a dismal Ampol Cup series, a couple of reasonable PSL performances and a blow-up with coach John Margaritis after being taken off against Sydney City.

Vince Bannon left to join Juventus in State League. No-one realised the extent of the gaping hole left at right back.

Young **Socrates Nicolaides** was promoted to an unaccustomed position as assistant manager. Nicolaides took time to settle into his new role.

Alan Davidson was parading his skills in midfield after making a name for himself in Australian soccer as a left back.

Jim Shirra was at left back. He'd played as a full back in top-flight Scottish football but while Hellas continued to struggle in midfield where Davidson's precocious talents seemed misplaced, Shirra remained at left back.

David Jones was bought from Adelaide City as a replacement for Steve Blair, holidaying in Scotland. Blair returned and wasn't impressed. Nicolaides eventually made way for Blair to play right back. Blair never was comfortable there. A selection showdown for the stopper's position always was imminent between Blair and Jones.

Jones lost out. Some players weren't pleased about the way Jones was treated. He was placed on the transfer list even though he hadn't really put in a bad game for Hellas and had been a model clubman during his short spell with the club. Within a fortnight Jones was back in the good books once more.

Captain Alan Evans was out on loan. He looked dispirited on the field as if he had no confidence. No matter how hard things just didn't turn out right for him. Some pundits claimed that Evans, used as a target man up front, wasn't getting support from his midfielders. There often wasn't anyone for Evans to lay the ball back to, they claimed.

Whatever the reasons behind Evans' loss of form his inability to turn it on represented a major loss to the Hellas side force.

Bertie Lutton never was happy. Understandably so. When a player can't get a regular game he isn't happy.

Lutton chose to accept a free transfer last week. As we went to press there was talk that Green Gully Ajax would sign him.

John Stevenson was told recently that he had to lose weight. Strange. While Stevenson was one of the few Hellas players who had been mentioned as a possible target for the season nothing was mentioned about his need to lose weight. When things started going sour Stevenson became one of the scapegoats. Truthfully, he's had his weight problem for some time so why wait until recent times to discipline the player?

Let's not forget about Kiwi international winger Steve Woodin. He was injured during the Ampol Cup, played only a handful of PSL games before returning to New Zealand to take part in World Cup preparation. He then decided he didn't want to return.

Hellas tried to solve the problem it created for itself at right back by trying to sign big Peter Lewis from Ajax. Lewis wouldn't budge. A keen family man, he was more interested in watching his children growing up than gallavanting about Australia every second week with Hellas.

The Lewis episode is indicative of Hellas' answer to problems — they just don't seem to know what to do.

After a team meeting Gerry Bennett and signed him for \$5,000 late last week.

Bennett's a good player. He'll do well at Hellas, but the buying philosophy which Hellas adopts has yet to bring the club success in the PSL.

Meanwhile a curious political joust is developing between the committee and coach.

Margaritis stands in one corner not knowing whether to accept or not the southward shift while facing by a committee which says it will give him its full support. With one queer proviso though. If Margaritis wants to go it won't stand in his way.

Increasingly Margaritis must feel himself being pushed into a situation from which there is only one avenue of escape — to resign.

Ajax president Guy Spiteri

opened his house to Dunne's wife and children, who flew down from Brisbane.

Ajax manager-coach Bobby McLachlan was a constant visitor to Dunne's bedside, not that the 1980 Bill Fleming Medal winner was



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left out in the cold. A regular procession of players, coaches and journalists have visited Dunne.

Guide Canale Brisbane City secretary, assured me that Dunne was insured by the club and won't be out of pocket.

The plain in Dunne's leg will remain there for 18 months and his surgeon was hopeful that Dunne could resume light training in about four month's time.

I hope so. Dunne's a model professional. It may sound a bit corny but take it from me, he's also a genuine good guy.

And the way Brisbane City is going it had better hope that its star defender is back in action quickly.

Canale denied recent rumors that new signing Jim Hermiston was about to replace Satchi as coach.

"The board of directors met last week and decided to give Nereo Satchi their full support," said Canale.

"Lady Luck has been against us recently. It started when we lost three top class players to other clubs at the end of last season then we had to suffer a rash of injuries this year."

Brisbane City is struggling financially like so many other PSL clubs. It cost the club almost \$1 million to build a new grandstand last year so it's unlikely that other players can be bought to help City push clear of the relegation zone this year.

Bojczuk at \$15,000

Adelaide City may have to come up with about \$15,000 if it wants to sign striker Wally Bojczuk from Azzurri.

City and Azzurri have been talking for almost three weeks about the possibility of Bojczuk, the 1980 Rothmans Medal winner, leading State League and returning to the PSL.

Bojczuk tasted PSL soccer briefly in 1977 with ill-fated Mooroolbark before returning to South Australia where he made a name for himself as a goal scorer with Beograd. Azzurri bought him in 1981 from Beograd for \$6,000.

"To Wally's almost invaluable," said Azzurri secretary Ted Julian.

"He was the top scorer in State League last year with an average in excess of a goal a game and he's well on the way to repeating the dose this season."

"He's also a tremendous personality. He's a real headliner grabber and frankly a lot of our sponsors signed up with us because Wally was in the team."

"He'd be bloody hard to replace at the best of times, more so now that the league season has started and Azzurri is heading for a second successive championship."

Despite Julian's reticence to let Bojczuk move, should

the south of vice versa to watch a State League game between a southern and northern side caused the TSF again to split the statewide State League into a northern and southern affair.

The northern version comes under the auspices of the Northern Soccer Association and the North Western Soccer Association while the southern version is in the hands of the Tasmanian Soccer Association.

So what does the TSF run? The annual Ampol Cup competition.

Yet the TSF is represented on the ASF executive. Therefore a body which doesn't even organise a State League competition has the power to put forward proposals which can have direct implications for the day-to-day running of state League North in Tasse and State League South.

Yet let's not make the TSF appear like some sort of soccer autocrat. The board of management of the TSF is made up of members from the Northern Soccer Association, the North Western Soccer Association and Tasmanian Soccer Association.

All well and good. It does however smack of bureaucracy gone mad, doesn't it?

Why not let one centralised body run the whole affair and be done with it?

Let the present bodies become nothing more than affiliate organisations of the TSF, answerable to the TSF and subordinated by the TSF's power of veto over their proposals.

Start in the Apple Isle continues to fight a parochial battle between northern and southern interests.

With regard to Tasmanian soccer the present situation is one in which the north and the north west can, if they wish, gang up on the south and kill off any southern proposal they care to.

Hobson not sacked

Victorian First Division club Doncaster Rovers didn't sack coach Norm Hobson as reported in this column last week.

The former Croydon coach resigned from his post as Rover's coach and the club appointed John Sanchez as Hobson's successor.

Frankly, I committed a journalistic sin by not phoning Hobson and discussing the matter when news reached me about his loss of the position.

I dealt with Hobson regularly during his stint as coach of Croydon in State League and I always found him approachable and honest. He hadn't changed when I spoke to him about the mistake in last week's column.

"I resigned. I came in after the home loss to Altona Gate and told the players that I felt someone else was needed as coach and that I was resigning from the position."

"The players at Doncaster are good enough to get the club out of its present plight and push up the ladder. I've got no doubts about that."

"Perhaps the players can respond to a new voice, I hope so for the club's sake."



Former South Melbourne Hellas and Heidelberg-Alexander coach Manny Poukakis (left) chats with Panathinaikos manager Stefan Kovac, coach Lakis Petropoulos and assistant coach Kallergas (right) in Athens. Poukakis will take over as coach of the Panathinaikos amateurs after the World Cup. In the meantime, he's off to England with Petropoulos and Kallergas to do a refresher coaching course.



Kosmina No.1, McGachey a hit, Newcastle critics slammed

S.A. doesn't get credit it deserves says Vest

In just half a season, Alan Vest has transformed West Adelaide, Hellas from an incompetent team, twice reprieved from relegation, into one of the PSL's early season pacemakers.

The disastrously inept displays of 1980 & '81 were cast aside as bad memory as West Adelaide set-tched its unbeaten run six games ago by thrashing Heidelberg 4-0 just 12 months after the Victorians had crushed West 5-0 on the same ground.

Now only a major form reversal can stop West Adelaide from challenging for a position in the top four, which will be its best effort in the PSL apart from the 1978 title success.

Vest joined West last November after guiding Newcastle for four and a half seasons.

Vest, 42, played Rugby League and Union in England as a teenager and turned to soccer when he was 15.

He later signed as an amateur with Leeds United and at 17 signed professional forms with his home side Barnsley where he stayed three years.

In 1973 he moved to New Zealand as player manager with national league side Gisborne City and captained New Zealand in more than 20 internationals, including games against Australia.

After three years in New Zealand he moved to Perth and retired as a player to become the WA Director of Coaching and State coach.

He later returned to England to coach league team Rochdale before taking charge of Newcastle in 1978.

In this interview with "Soccer Action's" Meno Toutsidis, he talks about his reign at Newcastle, about his new team West Adelaide and about Rudy Gutendorf's Socceros.

TOUTSIDIS: You've made an impressive start to the season, but realistically how far can you go this year?

Vest: I think to make a real impression at the top we could do with a couple more players. We've got a limited squad but the thing that is going for us at the moment is that we have good team spirit and we're working hard and so there is no reason why we shouldn't make a push for the top four.

TOUTSIDIS: Did you set the team a goal at the start of the season?

Vest: I set a schedule in terms of accumulating points. I split them into three groups of 10 games. In the first 10 games we got a bit of bonus as a result of picking up four points in the first two games of that second bracket of 10 games and with Summer and Booth available for the last 10 games, I will be looking for 13 points. I think that should get us into the top four. If we can grab eight points from the next eight games, we are on target.

Toutsidis: When you joined the club what was your top priority?

Vest: When I first came here the top priority was to get back the morale of the players and to get them out of the relegation zone.

Toutsidis: Is the team playing as you want it too or must it improve further?

Vest: Things are starting to fall into place now and if we continue to work at it and if we continue to improve then I think we can be a good side.

Toutsidis: Do you have a particular philosophy on playing style?

Vest: First of all it depends on which players you've got. If you're in charge of a national side or a representative team you can adapt a system and select the players who will be suited to that system. But when you're with a club you have to work around what you've got. You've got to play to your strengths. As far as West Adelaide is concerned I'm concerned, I despaired at the start about what we were going to play with in the back. One of the problems in the game in Australia is that not many defenders know how to defend. They all want to be Peles. Even the best players in the world have to whack it over the head if they're in trouble.

Toutsidis: Has West Adelaide surprised you with its performances, particularly in the past five or six weeks?

Vest: Not really. I told the players before the start of the season that if we had good team spirit, fitness and commitment we were half way there. Now, to win the league you need "extras".

Toutsidis: What do you consider has been your best performance of the season?

Vest: The performance, against Heidelberg (a 4-0 win) was one of the better ones, so too was our away games against South Melbourne (2-2 draw) and Preston (1-1 draw).

Toutsidis: Does it annoy you that despite West Adelaide's success this season, some critics dismiss the team rather lightly?

Vest: I experienced this with Newcastle too. It seems that if you are not in Sydney or Melbourne, you don't get the press you deserve. And this goes for players as well. I am sure there would have been more players from Adelaide in the national side if they had been with Sydney clubs.



Although Heidelberg's Len McKendry rates John Yzendoorn (left) as the "complete" player, Alan Vest would rather have Sydney City's Murray Barnes (right) anytime.



Alan Vest makes a speech. Vest has worked wonders at West Adelaide after his moving from Newcastle.



Neil McGachey — the elegant sweeper whose calm, composed play has been instrumental in West Adelaide's dramatic improvement.

Toutsidis: Neil McGachey has made a remarkable return to top form after suffering that broken leg in 1979. How important is he to the club?

Vest: He's been incredibly important to the side. The backline worried me like hell to start with. Neil has used his experience, he's enjoying his game and he's been one of the successes in terms of how well we've done so far. I saw him only a couple of times in the year (1978) West won the league but I think he's playing even better than he was then.

Toutsidis: Your win over Heidelberg was the first time this season you'd beaten a major team. Is that significant?

Vest: I think that is a good sign. I honestly believe some players feel intimidated when they go out against the teams of the calibre of Sydney City. Maybe after beating Heidelberg — which had the best record in the league, that intimidation may disappear.

Toutsidis: West Adelaide has a history of sacking coaches. Have you ever felt threatened?

Vest: I haven't felt threatened from the point of view of getting the sack. We've had some differences since the start of the season but they've resolved themselves fairly well and I think the present board of directors seems to want to get the club on a sound footing.

Toutsidis: Were those differences related to the team?

Vest: No, not at all. Nobody has interfered with the team nor dictated who should be in the side. There is no way I would allow that anyway; if that were the case I wouldn't stay. That was one of the pre-requisites.

Toutsidis: How do you plan to counter the loss of Ian Booth and Steve Sumner who are on World Cup duty with NZ?

Vest: Yes, they are a big loss but we were without Steve for eight weeks and we were without Alan on occasions through injury, suspension and through being left out. We are going to have to cope. It is a period during which we will look to one or two young players. We've got a few points on the board and we've got a bit of momentum going, so maybe it is a good time to bring in at least one young player. But we will miss them, we will just have to hang in there and get the points.

TOUTSIDIS: Do you have any young players pencilled in as "possibles"?

Vest: I've been impressed with Billy Stefanopoulos, Ian McKie is another and so too is Kick Pantzaras. I think Stefanopoulos has a lot going for him. He has a lot of natural ability, he's quick, he just has to learn now to play as a striker.

TOUTSIDIS: Do you think he is strong enough for the PSL?

Vest: Yes. I do. His great attribute of course is his speed apart from his skill. His speed will get him out of difficult situations. I think in this game if you have a bit of pace, you've got a bit of a chance I think it is when you lack pace that you're going to struggle.

TOUTSIDIS: How do you rate Azzurri's Wally Bojczuk?

Vest: I think he's the type of player who, though he is not elegant, will always score goals. I like him. I would be more than pleased if we could get him for next season.



MENO TOUTSIDIS
TOUTSIDIS: Some local critics are claiming centre back Robbie Dunn is the best central defender in the country. How good is he?

Vest: I wouldn't say he is the best centre-back in the country at the moment, but I think he can be. He's improved a hell of a lot since he came to the club in certain aspects of his game. When he first came to us he appeared as if he was apologising for being on the ground. He dropped his head a bit after the back-pass incident (John Kosmina scored to put Sydney City in the lead) in the game against Sydney City. It's a bit of an overcome that, which he seems to have done. He's faced Cole and Mitchell, two of the best strikers in the country, and outplayed them. I don't think there is any question that he could go on to be as good as anyone in the country.

TOUTSIDIS: If money weren't a problem and the player was willing, who would you most like to bring to West Adelaide?

Vest: I've always been an admirer of Murray Barnes. I think he would do us a hell of a job on the left side of the ground. I've always liked Gary Byrne (Canberra).

TOUTSIDIS: Who do you consider is Australia's best player? Len McKendry gave John Yzendoorn that tag, but after his performance against West Adelaide, that hardly seems justified.

Vest: Yzendoorn is a fair player, but that is a load of rubbish what Lennie was talking about. The stuff about him being the complete player, I know John Yzendoorn; he's a good player, a very good player for Australia that's for sure, that's just talking nonsense. It's very hard to pick one outstanding player. Of the younger players I like Peter Katholos. I think he's got a long going for him. But I don't think we have any outstanding players. That is not to say we don't have any good players. Of course we do. In certain games, certain players have impressed me. Doug Brown of Preston has impressed me on occasions, but disappointed me on others.

TOUTSIDIS: Who do you rate as the best striker in Australia?

Vest: Personally from what I've seen in the last year or so I would say on his day, John Kosmina. He's gone through a bad spell and he's coming back into it now.

TOUTSIDIS: Were you happy with what you achieved at Newcastle?

Vest: Very happy.

TOUTSIDIS: One Newcastle critic, writing in a recent issue of "Soccer World", launched a savage attack against you. He claimed you encouraged an English Fourth Division style with the emphasis on hard running. How do you react to criticism like that?

Vest: Well, firstly I can't understand how anyone could publish stuff like that. He's just a man off the street. Sure there were a few people in Newcastle who were critical for a number of reasons. Some were jealous, others were just ignorant of the difficulties involved in running the club. Even after the first year, if Paul Trisley had not poured money into the club it would have folded. It was a hell of a job then. Nobody said we had the best team in the world but we finished fifth twice in succession. They gave me \$30,000 to sign on a squad for the first year, and that included transfer and signing on fees and air fares. That was all we had to go on. Half the time we "pinched" players there.



Graham Heys, shadowed here by South Melbourne's George Campbell, has a new lease on life at West Adelaide.

TOUTSIDIS: It was an astonishing attack though, wasn't it?

Vest: You know, I'm not surprised. The other thing that I was criticised for was that I wasn't using local talent. On occasions we had six or seven locals in the side. And it was I who signed the young lads, that have come into the team this year.

TOUTSIDIS: What sort of a soccer town is Newcastle?

Vest: It is a town which is very parochial. They honestly believe they are the best in Australia and that they have the best players in Australia. They might have had 20 or 30 years ago, but it just don't follow like that. You see, there are one or two lads who have come from Newcastle who we didn't sign and who have done well with other clubs. There is no reason to suggest that they might have done well at Newcastle. Graham Heys is doing great for us here, but he needed to get away from Newcastle. Sometimes you've got to get away from an environment to get the best out of you.

TOUTSIDIS: Your comment on Heys surprises me. Is he playing better now than in his stint with Newcastle?

Vest: The first year he was with Newcastle, he was brilliant. He's always been a hot-headed lad. We've had our clashes in the past. I've left him out on many occasions. But he has matured a lot. He was spoken to by the referee against Heidelberg for something he did. Now 18 months ago, he would have remonstrated and gone off his head. It was a love-hate relationship in the end between the crowd and Graham at Newcastle. Half of them hated him and half of them liked him. He's the type of player who needs praise. It really got to him. He was a disaster there last year. He's had a new lease of life here and he's probably been our most consistent player.

TOUTSIDIS: You've played most of the top sides. Who do you think will win the title?

Vest: I think Sydney City without doubt. The reason I tip them is that even though they have not been playing all that well, they continue to pick up points.

TOUTSIDIS: What is their successful formula which up to now no other side has managed to duplicate?

Vest: They buy well. You get other clubs like South Melbourne who spend a lot of money on players, they don't need. They seem to buy players just because they come on to the market irrespective of what position they play. Now that, to me, is bad buying. Sydney City however seem to buy because they need them and because they will need them in the future. They seem to buy the right type of players who will carry them for a few years.

TOUTSIDIS: What of Sydney Olympic?

Vest: I think Olympic are doing well, but I also believe they will have their bad spell. It depends on how well they can come out of that bad spell.



Sydney City's John Kosmina scores in a World Cup game for Australia. Alan Vest rates him our No. 1 striker.



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McClunie faces his old club

The character of Morwell Falcons players will come under the microscope on Saturday when they take on Jim Adam's Hellas-Hakoah outfit at North Crinigan Reserve.

Falcons looked like a ramshackle side for long periods against Juventus on Saturday's game will give the Latrobe Valley club an opportunity to dispense critics claiming that Falcons' bubble has burst.

David Neale was injured and sadly missed last Sunday. His presence at left back is essential if Falcons are to stifle Hellas-Hakoah's strike force led by Tom Pataskos, Sean Rooney and talented Vlad Bozinovski.

Falcons striker Richie McClunie won't need much motivation to perform well against his former club.

McClunie will be well acquainted with the physical qualities of rugged Scot George Hannah, Hellas-Hakoah's stopper. While the lanky McClunie should beat Hannah to the ball on the ground, the tough stopper will give nothing away.

Ringwood Wilhelmina is starting to string together consistent performances and at its home ground at Jubilee Park on Saturday should provide a tough test for George Cross.

The Cross hit the goal trail with a vengeance against Sunshine. A feature of the match was the return to form of ex-Slavia and Croatia striker Carl Gilder, an ominous sign for opposition defenders.

With Gilder in form, ace

SATURDAY
Ringwood Wilhelmina v George Cross at Jubilee Park, 2.45pm.
Morwell Falcons v Hellas-Hakoah at North Crinigan Reserve, 2.45pm.

Albion Rovers v Juventus at Selwyn Park, 2.45pm.

Croft v Doveton at Olympic Park No. 1, 3pm.

Polonia v Frankston City at Raleigh Reserve, 3pm.

Sunshine v Croydon at Chapel Reserve, 3pm.

Cross striker Bobby Toal could get onto the end of numerous chances and Toal doesn't miss many.

Dependable North Maitland striker Joe Carroll and with consistent Steve Lawson sweeping up Cross looks likely to stand up to Wilhelmina's forward thrusts.

I've gone to Juventus to beat Albion Rovers at Selwyn Park on Saturday with one proviso — Juventus will need to create about a dozen clear scoring chances to grab a goal.

Despite being reminded by quite a few Juventus players after the Falcons match that I had selected Falcons and despite the pleas of those players to the contrary, I think that Paddy Bannon will have his defenders too well organised for the Albion attack.

That leaves the midfield and attacking lines left for discussion.

Albion will surprise if it has

more possession and in Ged Bannon, Juve has the best ball winner in either side.

It's up to Fabio Incantamini, Graham French and Tony Heery to do enough damage in the finishing department to give Juve both points.

Juve also will need a massive injection of luck to overcome the powerful Jinx of having me tipping it to win.

Northcote looks doomed against Ajax at John Cain Reserve on Sunday.

The Northerners are about five players short of being a reasonable State League side so how can they hope to cope with the firepower of Paul Lewis, Guy Hobson, Gordon Wallace and if fit, former Welsh international David Smallman?

Let's hope the magnificent new electronic scoreboard at John Cain Reserve is operating on full power so it can record all the Ajax goals.

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POCOCK STAYS ON

GEORGE CROSS 4 (Gambin, Toal, McCann, Rigby pen.) SUNSHINE 1 (D. Nelson)

George Cross' Techida 2 — Morwell 7 (Mical 60th), Lawson 8, McLeod 8, McKinley 8 — Vella 7, Belasic 7 (McCann 61st 7), Rigby 9 — Gambin 8, Toal 8, Gilder 8.

— GEORGE CROSS: Contini 6, Gilder 8, Gambin 8, Lewis 6, Bain 6 (McFarlane 75th), Bain 5, R. Nelson 5, McNally 6 — Tait 6 (Murdin 65th), Pate 7, D. Nelson 6.

Joint Sunshine coach Ray Pocock denied a prevalent rumor that he'd resigned after this match.

Pocock admitted that he'd had a dispute with coaching cohort Steve Gau however the pair have patched up their differences.

Sunshine probably put together its best first half of football for the season only to lose its unbeaten Buffalo Cup and State League run in a four goal second half burst by George Cross.

Then Roger Bain hit the bar and Rob Nelson muffed the simplest of headers. A cross from the left was nodded on by Norrie Pate but Nelson, only a couple of metres out, headed over.

After replacement midfielder Hugh McCann who lobbed the ball slowly past Contini to make it 3-1.

Dave Rigby finished Cross' spree from the penalty spot in the 80th minute after Ellis was judged to have fouled Tony Vella.

Paul Gambin switched from the left to the right wing at the start of the second half and proved too elusive for Steve Ellis. It was Gambin in the 40th minute who ran onto Carl Gilder's fine header to slot the ball past advancing Alan Contini and level.

Cross hit the front just seven minutes later. Another Gilder header put Toal in possession. The George Cross striker beat one opponent then from a tight angle rifled the ball into the roof of the net.

Alan Contini's fumble in the 71st minute was pounced on by replacement midfielder Hugh McCann who lobbed the ball slowly past Contini to make it 3-1.

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ALBION ROVERS: Costello 7 — Cutler 7, Creasy 7, A. McMillan 7, Nisbet 7 — Murphy 7, Reddy 6, Spiteri 5 (ref), D'Sylva 7 (h/t) — Ferrie 6, K. Coyle 6, Smart 6.

After the match Frankston coach Harry Chalkitis and Rovers' coach Frank Munro indulged in a critical contest. Munro was unimpressed.

"That's the worst game I've seen in the last 10 years," said Chalkitis.

"That's the worst game I've ever seen," said Munro.

Frankston was without striker Bill Buchanan, recovering from a twisted knee, and midfielder Andy Golby, who has a bruised bone in his foot. Both are unlikely to play on the weekend.

Chalkitis switched Graham Tuffill from midfield to sweeper, where Tuffill played so well in the Buffalo Cup.

Tuffill and young Paul Drinoczyk played an important part in grabbing a point for Frankston, however two misses from Keiron Coyle and Ken Smart proved costly.

Coyle seemed surprised when a diagonal ball into the Frankston area in the first half fell at his feet. Coyle's shot was more like a back pass. David Gilbert had no trouble gathering.

Slim's chance fell in the last five minutes but the Albion striker shot across the face of goal from about 10 metres out.

The best of the Baysiders' chances involved a Robbie Stewart shot which hit the outside of the post.

FAWKNER JOINS BOX HILL AT THE TOP

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taken a deserved lead.

The former Helias, Altona,

Frankston City and Preston Macedonian stopper continually won the ball in defence for Kew and his disposal was first class.

Knox however, clearly

created the cleaner chances. A superb 30 metre drive from

Murray in the second half cannoned onto the Kew bar but former Hakoah midfielder Ian McNeil finally gave the home side the goal it had come so close to scoring earlier when he was at the near post to head in a well taken free kick in the 74th minute.

A minute later Andy Savag-
e's free kick from the right
corner found John Kennedy,
misjudging the flight of the
ball which sailed over his
head and allowed McCusker to
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It was Polonia which not surprisingly had taken the lead in the 12th minute. The Polish sponsored team opened up in whirlwind fashion and Janusz Przybylek cracked a vicious shot from just outside the ball flashing high into the roof of the Polonia net.

Polonia looks capable of troubling any State League side. With the experience and skills of Janusz Przybylek and Stefan Mila up front and the imminent return to the defence of Jan Gawlik, coach Kaz Kowalewski has plenty of depth in level.

Four minutes after the interval, with Polonia 2-1 down, Alex Marshall went on a solo run down the right, crossed, and Peter Czaplinski headed well to again tie the scores.

With just nine minutes remaining Ajax stopper Stuart Cannell pushed forward. One of Ajax's many crosses off \$9,000.

Ajax is after a replacement

for full back Gary Bennett,

sold to South Melbourne last

week.

Steve Short's name has been mentioned however there's no way that Ajax will pay

Croatia's asking price of

\$9,000.

It was the sort of save which

inspires team mates and cracks the resolve of the opposition. However Ajax won't put its assault on Polonia goalwards was rewarded a minute before the break when Gordon Wallace's hard cross was headed firmly home by the ever alert Paul Lewis.

Four minutes from half time, with both sides locked together at 1-1 in an exciting tussle, big Polonia goalkeeper Leszek Dzielakowski pulled off a superb diving save from Gus MacLeod's attempt to convert a penalty.

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Despite Wilhelmina keeper Ken Barclay being called upon to display his considerable talent a draw was a fair result in this hard fought encounter.

Sean Rooney had the best of

Hellas-Hakoah's first half

chances when he beat a de-

fender then rounded Barclay

only to take too long to shoot on goal and have his attempt blocked.

However Hellas-Hakoah could have scored the all important goal in the 80th minute when it was awarded a penalty.

Experienced Duncan Cummings strode to the spot and although he tried to place his shot Barclay reacted well to save.

Wilhelmina left back Tony McDermott returned to the UK on Monday for personal reasons but is expected back within three weeks.

Coach Mike de Bruyckere has former Kiwi international

Billy de Graaf and Ron Ver-

Niers slowly recovering peak

fitness and must choose be-

tween the pair for the vacancy left by McDermott's departu-

rance.

Hellas-Hakoah striker Tom Patskoski missed a couple of gilt edged opportunities to break the deadlock in the second half while visitor Wil-

helmina could only converted both points just two minutes from time when Brian Thomp-

son Dave Haydon through but the former Altona striker slipped the ball wide of both Lou Tsigaris and the far post.



Keilor Austria veteran Guenter Ganglbauer (second from right) breaks up a Box Hill attack on Saturday. Others, from left to right: Peter Scarlett (Austria), Derek Barron (Austria, fallen), Don Lawler and Peter Verechia (Box Hill).

mercurial winger took the ball to the line before crossing low and hard for Peter Verechia to force the ball home on the near post.

With Gelevski and Wilson playing their hearts out in the middle of the ground and Verechia chasing everything, the visitors somehow managed to approach the goal in a dangerous position.

In the 72nd minute N. Christoudias laid off a beautiful ball to Saliba who made no mistake from close range.

DIVISION THREE

**ELTHAM 4 (Lewis 2, Her-
man, M. Cirkal) ROYAL
RICHMOND 0**

ELTHAM: Carey, Stewart, Raynes, M. Cirkal, Shaw, Lewis, Kilpatrick, Herman, P. Cirkal, I. Forrest, Briggs, Res. Norton, Atanassovski, Goss.

ROYAL RICHMOND: Schipano, Fettore, Gooney, B. Sabidussi, C. Sabidussi, Mainenti, Tuf-
field, Currie, Subs: Mainenti, B. Sabidussi.

Fawkner moved up to be level with Box Hill at the top of the ladder with one bit of good goal difference.

Coach Cedo Cirkovic now looks forward to overhauling Box Hill in the next week.

Ian Tuffield scored the first goal after 20 minutes from a cross by Bruno Sabidussi before Slavia equalised in the 60th minute.

The next goal was a penalty converted by Carlo Sabidussi after Fattore's long run into the box was stopped by a foul, tackle.

Slavia shot Fawkner into a 3-1 lead after lead-up work by Gurjica, Bruno Sabidussi and Mainenti before Slavia scored again 10 minutes from the end.

**DONCASTER 2 (I. Hum-
ble, Gow) WESTERN
SUBURBS 0**

ROVERS: Berberoglu, Hall, Teer, I. Humble, Field, A. Humble, Debash, Gow, Forsyth, Berendin, K. Humble. Reserves: Haft, Mainenti, Subs: Mitandis, Kyriakis, Lekas, Borg, Kupini, Hoven, Matheou, Moore, Karin, Vojek, Gilmore, Reserves: Kupuz, Segi, Pare-skovske.

Best players: Rovers — Gow, I. Humble, Teer. Subs — Borg, Lekas, Matheou.

Port Melbourne played fine possession soccer but was unable to break down Nunawading's defense.

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SOCER AROUND THE WORLD

TAHAMATA AND QUINI TO MAKE TV FINAL SPARKLE

GOTHENBURG'S RUN CONTINUES

Swedish part-timer Gothenburg continued its remarkable run when it beat West German league leader Hamburg 1-0 in the first leg of the European Football Union (UEFA) Cup Final in Gothenburg.

The West Germans put the accent on defence but Gothenburg deservedly broke the deadlock three minutes from time

when Tord Holmgren collected a pass from Glenn Hysen, cut past Holger Hieronymus and hammered a low shot past goalkeeper Ulrich Stein.

Gothenburg's narrow advantage is unlikely to be enough in the return in two weeks time but it can look back on its first leg effort with pride.

It dominated the game despite the early

loss of star strikers Torbjörn Nilsson and Tommy Holmgren.

Nilsson, who has scored eight goals in Europe this season, was taken off in the 19th minute after being injured in a clash with Hamburg defender Juergen Groh.

Holmgren, whose brother Tord scored the goal, was also injured early on although he hobbled on gamely until the interval.

By PAUL MOON

This season's European Cup Winners' Cup final promises to be more than just a contest featuring two outstanding teams, but also a battle between the two prevailing styles of Continental soccer.

Barcelona, adherents of exhilarating craft, finesse and high class entertainment, meets Standard Liege, which is far more functional than it is inspirational.

Even in normal circumstances Barcelona would be expected to carry the game towards Standard. In front of its own supporters there can be little doubt which team will take the initiative.

The Catalans enjoy a remarkable average gate of \$7,058 for home games. Inevitably the final will attract an additional three thousand to fill the Camp Nou to its capacity.

He is supported by Enrique Moran, who is equally deadly in the penalty box.

Dunc Allan Simonsen, a former European footballer of the year, still creates magic down the left flank.

The Belgians too can claim international superstars in their ranks.

Arie Haan has two World Cup final appearances to his credit and remains one of the game's cagiest campaigners.

Eric Gerets and Walter Meeuws both have established themselves in the Belgian national team defence, one of the world's most awesome.

The enigmatic Simon Tahamata, on his day one of Europe's most dynamic wingers, is capable of creating havoc in any defence. An Indonesian, he cost Standard a record \$500,000 when Ajax Amsterdam agreed to his release in 1980.

Man for man though Barcelona has the edge.

Tradition also favors Barcelona. This will be its eighth European final, whereas Standard has only two previous semi-finals appearances to its name.

An interesting game appears to be in prospect with Barcelona's flair probably being sufficient to defeat its resolute opponents.

The match will be played on the morning of May 13th, Australia time and televised live by Channel 8/28 from 4.15 am.

Weisweiler takes over at Grasshoppers

Former Borussia Moenchengladbach manager Hennes Weisweiler has been appointed manager of Swiss First Division giant Grasshoppers. The 62 year old father of a five month old baby boy has signed a two year contract with the Swiss club and will start his duties after the World Cup.

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The Austria First Division is set to rise from 10 to 16 teams next season. The Austrian F.A. has accepted the recommendation of its executive committee. Only two First Division clubs, FK Austria and Austria Salzburg, opposed the proposed increase.

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There can be few doubts about the fitness of the Chilean World Cup squad. Coach Luis Santibanez took his players to the Andes mountains for a beach resort for World Cup preparation. After an exhaustive camp in the Andes the players were taken to the resort where they underwent a fortnight of intensive physical training involving running, gym work and weight lifting.

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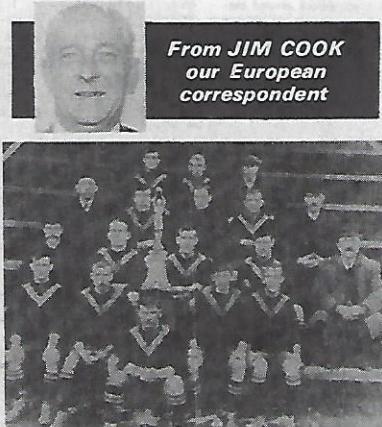
Flamengo, Brazil's World Club Champion, is keen to arrange a tournament between previous World Club Champions at the massive Maracana Stadium from August 19 to 20. The winner will receive \$100,000 and competing clubs would receive a match fee of \$70,000 per game.

Boca Juniors (Argentina), Ajax (Holland), Atletico Madrid (Spain) and Internazionale (Italy) have been invited to compete, along with host Flamengo.

Flick back the pages of soccer history and you will find that a team of Durham miners beat the great Juventus in the final of a competition billed as the World Cup Trophy way back in 1910.

The idea of the competition was the brainchild of Sir Thomas Lipton, the British tea and grocery millionaire who later spent a fortune in unsuccessfully trying to win the America's Cup with his yacht Shamrock.

But back to the 1910 World Cup. Competitors from West Auckland in Durham, Juventus and Stuttgart of Germany comprised the entrants and in 1911 West Auckland again beat Juventus to retain the trophy and make it their own property. The competition then closed down and was not revived again until 1930 on a bigger and broader scale and the \$40,000



The Durham miners who won the World Cup in 1910.

Lipton World Cup Trophy still rests behind the bar of the working men's club in West Auckland in County Durham.

In a joint venture between British I.V. tough guy Dennis Waterman and Tyne Tees I.V.'s 90 minute film is currently being completed on West Auckland's feat entitled "World Cup — A Captain's Tale" and will be shown in many parts of the globe in time for the World Cup in Spain. Dennis Waterman himself plays West Auckland captain Bob Jones.

Only three national team bosses who guided their countries to the finals in Argentina in 1978 will again take their teams to the finals in Spain. The trio are Cesare Menotti of Argentina, Enzo Bearzot of Italy and Michel Hidalgo of France.

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A V. station in Argentine insists Spain will win the World Cup... because all previous hosts who finished up victors started with a vowel — Argentina, England, West Germany and Argentina. If that doesn't make sense it's because the Argentinians use Spanish pronunciation. Spain is Espana while West Germany is Alemania.

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Camerones are one of the most isolated countries in the World Cup. They have no T.V. so soccer fans haven't much of a clue what goes on in the outside world. They have some ties with France and the only touring sides they infrequently see are ST Etienne and Lyons which give them a glimpse of the big time. Two top players are Roger Milla a big strong

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Although Juventus and Italy star Marco Jardelli fancies his nation's chances in Spain many Italian fans can't forget that amazing defeat by North Korea at Middlesbrough in the 1966 World Cup finals.

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It appears that many have already written off the prospects of Czechoslovakia by virtue of their slow, deliberate and unimaginative type of play but the Czechs are no fools at World Cup soccer. They were runners-up in 1934, reached the quarter-finals in 1938 and were again runners — up in 1962. Besides they were European champions in 1978 and finished third in the same competition in 1980.

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A Brazilian soccer official asked to sum up World Cup opponents Russia, Scotland and New Zealand said: "We are tackling Communism and who-the-hellism."

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Honduras grouped together with Spain, Yugoslavia and Northern Ireland are the poor relation of the world cup. In a country where beggars is common, half the population illiterate and the average weekly wage of \$30 few have any hope of seeing their country in the World Cup. They have no T.V. so soccer fans haven't much of a clue what goes on in the outside world. They have some ties with France and the only touring sides they infrequently see are ST Etienne and Lyons which give them a glimpse of the big time. Two top players are Roger Milla a big strong

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Shengelia shines but Soviets hit a slump

A 20th minute goal from star striker Ramaz Shengelia earned the Soviet Union a 1-0 win over East Germany in a World Cup warm-up international in Moscow last week.

But the powerful Soviet squad, in the middle of an alarming form slump, will have to show a vast improvement if it is to have any chance of success in Spain where it meets Brazil, Scotland and New Zealand in Group Six.

The East Germans, who failed to qualify for the World Cup finals, looked a half-hearted outfit but the Soviet Union failed to turn its mid-field superiority into goals.

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European Footballer of the Year Oleg Blokhin was sadly out of touch up front.

The generally shoddy and undisciplined performance clearly offered little encouragement to manager Konstantin Beskov, who recently criticised his team publicly for recent displays.

Teams:

SOVIET UNION: Dasayev, Sulakvelidze, Chivadze, Khidiyatulin, Baltacha, Oganessian, Shengelia, Bal, Gavrilov, Bur'yak, Blokhin.

EAST GERMANY: Rudwaleit, Heyne, Trieloff, Ullrich, Schnupphase, Zoetzsche, Hause, Doerner, Pommerenke, Streich, Lebers.

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